



App. No. 09/926,003

Response dated: August 22, 2003

Reply to OA of: March 25, 2003

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
GROUP ART UNIT 1725**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : YAMAOKA et al. Confirmation No.: 5044  
Appl. No. : 09/926,003  
Filed : August 13, 2001  
Title : WELDING SOLID WIRE WITH HIGH FEEDING PERFORMANCE

TC/A.U. : 1725  
Examiner : M. ELVE

Docket No.: : YAMA3001/REF

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for TWO (2) months to August 22, 2003.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for a two month extension of time is \$410.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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